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SUBJECT: MODE DECISIONS ON COM REDUCTION PROPOSALS

REF: (A) 77 LONDON 15098; (B) 77 LONDON 18798; (C)
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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH MODE GUIDELINES, ASSISTANT SECRE-
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POSED IN REFTELS (A) AND (B), AS SUBSEQUENTLY MODIFIED
IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE EMBASSY. IN BRIEF, AND SUBJECT
TO POSSIBLE AGENCY APPEALS, 15 U.S. AND 17 FN POSITIONS
WILL BE ELIMINATED, WHILE INTERAGENCY STUDIES, TO BE
COMPLETED BY JULY 1, 1978 FOR EUR DECISION WILL FOCUS
ON ADDITIONAL POSSIBLE REDUCTIONS OF 38 U.S. AND 14
FOREIGN NATIONAL POSITIONS (OF USIA, COAST GUARD AND FAA)

IN THE U.K., AND UP TO 24 U.S. POSITIONS AT FAA REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN BRUSSELS. LETTERS NOTIFYING CONCERNED AGENCIES ARE IN PREPARATION.

2. EUR RULINGS TO DATE, BY AGENCY/PROGRAM, CALL FOR:

A) AGRICULTURE/FAS: REPROGRAM ONE FAS OFFICER POSITION FROM LONDON TO BUCHAREST.

B) COMMERCE AND STATE/TRADE CENTER: ELIMINATE THE TRADE CENTER (3 U.S. AND 8 F.N. POSITIONS), LEAVING FOR FUTURE DETERMINATION THE MATTER OF ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR SUPPORTING U.S. FIRMS (LONDON 5026).

C) COMMERCE/TRAVEL SERVICE: ELIMINATE THE USTS OFFICE, I.E., 4 U.S. AND 5 F.N. POSITIONS.

D) DOD/DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE: TERMINATE FLAG RANK OF DATT. ELIMINATE 7 U.S. POSITIONS (FOR BROWN, COTE, SARAVO, DUCCA, BRAUER, REESE, AND GRIMES) AND 2 F.N. POSITIONS.

E) TRANSPORTATION/COAST GUARD: AN INTERAGENCY ASSESSMENT OF THE FEASIBILITY OF RELOCATING USCG/ACTEUR TO THE U.S.

F) TRANSPORTATION/FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION: AN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTERAGENCY ASSESSMENT OF FAA STAFFING NEEDS IN THE EUR REGION.

G) USIA: ABOLISH MEDIA SUPPORT POSITIONS (2 F.N.). AN INTERAGENCY ASSESSMENT OF THE POSSIBILITY OF REDUCING STAFFS FOR (1) CULTURAL EXCHANGES (2 U.S. AND 4 F.N. POSITIONS); (2) THE USIS LIBRARY ACTIVITY (1 U.S., 5 F.N.) AND (3) THE VOICE OF AMERICA (1 U.S. AND 1 F.N.).

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON TIMING OF ABOLISHMENT OF POSITIONS COVERED IN PARA 2, ITEMS A THROUGH D ABOVE.

4. WE ENVISAGE INTERAGENCY STUDIES WILL BE CONDUCTED FROM WASHINGTON BY STAFF-LEVEL GROUPS OF THREE OR FOUR MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT (AS CHAIR), OMB, AND THE DIRECTLY INTERESTED AGENCIES. POSTS WILL BE REQUESTED AS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE ON-SITE CONTRIBUTIONS TO ASSESSMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS, WHICH WILL BE PREPARED IN WASHINGTON. FOREIGN SERVICE INSPECTORS, SLATED TO BE IN LONDON EARLY JUNE, COULD ALSO INFORMALLY PROVIDE SOME SPECIAL INPUTS. STUDY FINDINGS/RECOMMENDATIONS WILL GO TO EUR

FOR DECISION PER MODE GUIDELINES.

5. COPIES OF EUR DECISION PAPERS AND OF LETTERS NOTIFYING
CONCERNED AGENCIES WILL BE POUCHED TO EMBASSY FOR
ATTENTION ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSELOR. WE WILL KEEP EMBASSY
APPRISED OF ENSUING DEVELOPMENTS.
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